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GOING BACK TO **WEAPON X**, WHICH GAVE **WOLVERINE** HIS ADAMANTIUM BONES AND CLAWS, TO THEIR OFFSHOOT, **THE FACILITY**, WHICH BIRTHED **X-23** FROM **LOGAN**'S GENETIC MATERIAL, TO **ALCHEMAX GENETICS**, WHICH CREATED CLONES OF **LAURA KINNEY**, THE MISTREATMENT OF MUTANTS IN PURSUIT OF THE ULTIMATE WEAPON HAS REMAINED A CONSTANT.

LAURA, AS **WOLVERINE**, HAS LONG LEFT HER LIFE AS THE ASSASSIN X-23 BEHIND. **GABBY**, CLONE/SISTER OF LAURA, HAS FOLLOWED IN HER HEROIC FOOTSTEPS AS **SCOUT**.

BUT THE LEGACY OF X-23 LIVES ON…

GENERATION X-23

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HATED AND FEARED.

DIFFERENT DAY, SAME OLD STORY.

DOESN'T MATTER HOW *YOUNG* WE ARE, HOW *INNOCENT.*

HOW *HARMLESS.*

SOME HUMANS *CHOOSE* TO BE AFRAID.

THEY *WANT* TO SEE THREATS EVERYWHERE.

THINK THEY'RE READY TO *SURRENDER* TO THE *WOLVERINE,* LAURA?

NEW YORK CITY.

NOPE.

HAPPY TO OBLIGE.

YOU MEAN *MUTANT FREAKS!*

ONLY *THREE* OF THEM!

JUST LITTLE *GIRLS!*

CAN'T TAKE US *ALL!*

SHUT THESE MUTIES UP!

TEAR THEM APART!

THESE *BIGOTS* THINK IT'S *OPEN SEASON* ON MUTANTS.

SHINK

MY SISTER *GABBY* AND I HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH MOBS LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE NOW.

FWAP

THIS IS THE *BIGGEST* ONE YET.

COWARDS WHO NEED AN ARMY TO GO AFTER A *CHILD.*

SCOUT'S COOL ATTACK NAME!

THEY'RE *LUCKY* THEY DIDN'T MEET *ME* AS A CHILD.

TRAINED ASSASSIN, *FORCED* TO KILL. *JUST* THE KIND OF MONSTER THEY--

WHAT THE *HELL* IS THAT?!

GABBY!

PEOPLE...*PARTS* OF PEOPLE...*DIFFERENT AGES* AT THE SAME TIME...

IT'S LIKE TIME IS... *BREAKING*...

MAMA!

WAAAAAAAAH!

HELP ME!

BUT... I'M NOT...

WHOA!

SERIOUSLY?

GRRRRRRRRR...

WHAT THE--

#&$%!^@ MUTANTS!

SCARED...

THAT WAS WHO I *USED* TO BE.

JUST THE FACILITY'S WEAPON. JUST A *CHILD.*

WAIT! I CAN SMELL--

SNIFF SNIFF

FREAKS!

BANG

NNNGH!

THAT WAS *SUPER WEIRD*, RIGHT? EVEN FOR *US?*

LAURA KINNEY WEARING *RUFFLES?*

IT WAS... *NOT* MY CHOICE.

GUNSHOT WOUND'S CLOSING UP. FIGHT BARELY STRAINED MY HEALING FACTOR.

HI, I'M CELIA!

AM I AN *X-MAN* NOW?

ALMOST. FIRST, *GABBY* NEEDS TO TAKE YOU TO GET CHECKED OUT. MAKE SURE YOU'RE *OKAY.*

ARE YOU *SERIOUSLY* GIVING ME *BABYSITTING DUTY?* AFTER *THAT?*

I WAS JUST *WAY* OLDER THAN YOU.

YOU *KNOW* WHY WE'RE HERE. *SHE'S* OUR PRIORITY.

YEAH, YEAH.

ANY IDEA WHY TIME WAS *CRASHING OUT* LIKE THAT?

NO.

YES. *MAYBE.*

I *SWEAR* I SMELLED *KIDEN* FOR A MOMENT.

MY *OLDEST* AND *BEST* FRIEND...

...WHO HAS *TIME-MANIPULATION* POWERS...

SO, *X-MAN*, DO YOU LIKE ICE CREAM?

YEAH!

...BUT I'VE *NEVER* SEEN HER DO *ANYTHING* LIKE THAT.

I *THINK* THAT TIME DISTORTION SCARED THE MOB OFF.

BUT IF *ANY* OF THEM FIND KIDEN...

GREAT.

NO WAY BUT *THROUGH.*

I'M *MORE* THAN A KILLER.

KIDEN.

NOT THEIR WEAPON.

WHERE *ARE* YOU?

ALONE.

MY *FAMILY.*

KIDEN!

OW.

I THINK... THAT...

...PUSHED MY HEALING FACTOR... *BACKWARDS.*

OLD WOUNDS... OPENING UP...

SOMETHING'S GONE *VERY* WRONG WITH KIDEN'S POWERS. NEED TO *FIND HER* BEFORE--

INTRUDER.

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE *ME?*

NOT ANYMORE.

KRNCH

...KIDEN?

IT'S OKAY. I'M HERE TO--

RRAAAAUUGH!

CRAP!

HOLD ON, KIDEN!

I'M HERE!

GOT YOU!

WUMF

NOT KIDEN?!

BUT SHE--

ARE YOU... REAL?

YES. I'M--

X-23! I FOUND YOU! YOU CAN SAVE THEM!

THEY WERE DYING OVER AND OVER AND OVER!

BUT YOU'RE--

IT'S LAURA. AND WHO WAS DYING?

WHO ARE YOU?

OH. I SHOULD HAVE PICKED A NAME. BUT I DIDN'T HEAR ANY--

TOO MUCH TO SEE. IT'S STILL NEW. AND I CAN'T CONTROL IT...

IT'S FINE. NAMES LATER.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHO WAS DYING? WHAT THE THREAT IS?

YOU ALREADY SAW--

OH. WAIT. NOT YET. THAT'S ALL LATER.

HERE. I'LL SHOW YOU.

HEAR THE *FEAR* IN H VOICE

PUT IN ISOLATION

THEY DIDN'T KNOW *IMMORTALITY*

SAW IT ALL IN MY *ROOM*

SAYS YOU CAN *HEAL*

NOW YOU KNOW. YOU'LL... *SAVE* THEM.

I DON'T--

...YES. OF *COURSE* I WILL.

THE... WEAP...

FWUMP

X-80

SHE SMELLED LIKE *KIDEN.* AND HER *POWERS...*

SOMEONE IS EXPERIMENTING WITH MUTANT DNA AGAIN. MY *FRIEND'S.*

FEELS *WORSE* THAN WHEN IT WAS JUST COPIES OF *ME.*

AND IF THEY'VE HURT KIDEN...

I'LL *FIND THEM.* MAKE THEM REGRET *EVER* TOUCHING A TEST TUBE.

NO MORE WEAPONS.

THE GIRL'S SCENT KEEPS GETTING STRONGER AND WEAKER. HARD TO SNIFF OUT HER TRAIL.

IT'S LIKE THE TIME DISTORTIONS ARE *STILL* IMPACTING IT.

LUCKILY, MY *ENHANCED SENSES* MEAN I CAN PICK UP THE TRAIL WHEN IT *SURGES* AGAIN.

BESIDES, SHE WASN'T *TRYING* TO HIDE. MIGHT HAVE LOST THE TRAIL IF SHE *WAS.*

HER SCENT LEADS *HERE.*

WHATEVER THAT IS, IT'S THE *LAST PLACE* SHE WAS BEFORE--

RUSTLE

HEARD YOU.

I FIGURED YOU *SMELLED* ME FIRST.

HEARD YOU *EXITING THE FREEWAY.*

ANY BUILDING *THAT* NORMAL IS NEVER *ACTUALLY* NORMAL.

GENERALLY, *NO.*

HITCH OR STEAL?

I *BORROWED* A BIKE. THAT'S *BARELY* STEALING.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE ME *BEHIND,* YOU KNOW.

I COULDN'T RISK *LOSING THE TRAIL.* AND I *KNEW* YOU'D FIND A WAY TO CATCH UP.

OR MAYBE *MISS OUT* ON THE DANGER, FOR ONCE.

I *KNOW* GABBY HEALS JUST LIKE ME. DOESN'T MEAN SHE SHOULD *NEED* TO.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE THE *OVERPROTECTIVE BIG SISTER.*

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

SOMEONE IS *MESSING* WITH MUTANT DNA. MY *FRIEND'S* DNA. SHE HAS TIME-DISTOR--

THEN WE *SHUT 'EM DOWN!*

YES, THAT *WAS* THE PLAN...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EXPERIMENT YOU TRACKED HERE?

I DON'T KNOW ***WHAT*** THE PEOPLE WHO MADE HER DID, BUT...

...SHE ***COULDN'T CONTROL*** HER POWERS. THEY ***KILLED*** HER.

SHNG

THEY PRETTY MUCH ***ALWAYS DIE***, DON'T THEY?

NOT ***ALWAYS.***

YOU'RE STILL HERE.

THIS IS ***DEFINITELY*** FAKE-NORMAL EVIL.

AND ONLY ***ONE*** OTHER EXIT.

SKREEEEEECH

SMELL THAT?

SNFF

IT'S...*FAMILIAR* SOMEHOW. KIND OF... *CHEMICALLY?*

IT'S HOW *THE FACILITY* SMELLED.

WHERE I WAS *GROWN. RAISED.*

SNIKT

SNGGG

TAUGHT TO *KILL.*

IS THAT *REALLY* X-23?

WE'RE *ABOUT* TO FIND OUT...

THUNK

THUNK

THERE SHOULD BE SECURITY.

IS ANYONE EVEN *HERE?*

PRETTY SURE *SOMEONE'S--*

GONE.

UH...

...SOMETHING'S HAPPENING...

AND *THAT* WOULD BE THE SECURITY.

EVEN *UGLIER* IN A PACK.

INTRUDER. STOP.

NO.

SNIKT

SNIKT

CAN WE KEEP ONE?

SNIKT

SNIKT

NO, GABBY.

BUT I'LL *CHARGE* HER! AND KEEP HER FROM KILLING ANYONE!

I SAID *NO.* THEY'RE CREEPY.

OH, WHAT, SO NOW *COPIES OF YOU* ARE *CREEPY?*

JUST *THESE* ONES.

MAYBE THEY THINK *YOU'RE* CREEPY.

HEY!

DO YOU *USUALLY* BREAK INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S HOMES?

DEMOLISH THEIR *PROPERTY?*

LOOKS LIKE THE FACILITY'S SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN *BUSY.*

X-23! OHMIGOSH, IT'S REALLY YOU!

YOU REALLY CAME TO JOIN US!

...WHAT?

TO BE CONTINUED!

X-MENTIONS

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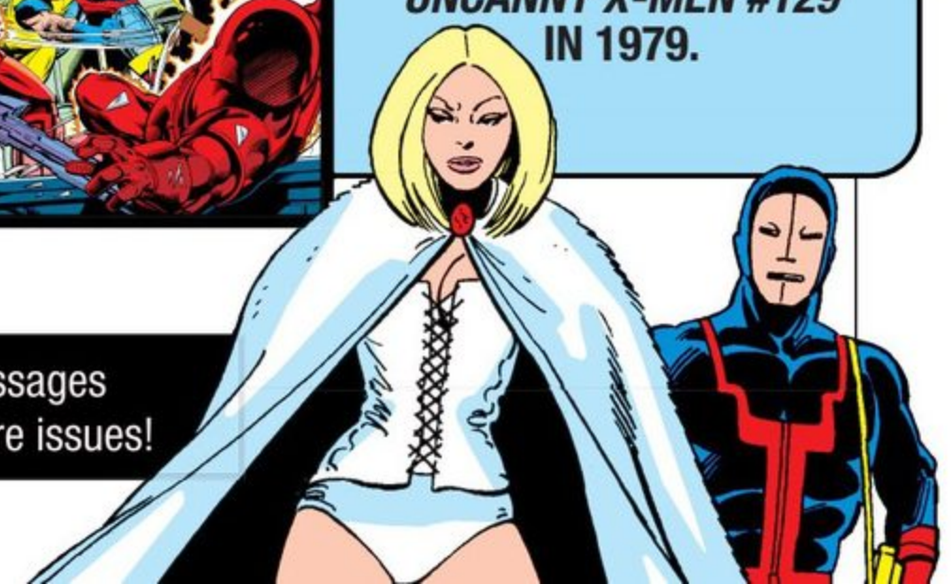
WE WILL NEVER LIVE IN A WORLD OF PEACE. WHICH IS WHY CONTROL AND NON-VIOLENCE ARE ESSENTIAL. WE MUST PROVE OURSELVES A PEACEFUL PEOPLE.

- March is a big month for the X-line as **X-MEN UNITED #1** debuts! This new ongoing series by **Eve L. Ewing** and **Tiago Palma** introduces Graymatter Lane, a campus unlike any you've ever seen before where mutants from all across the globe can gather together and learn from one another! It's the crossroads of the mutant universe where all of your favorites, including Emma Frost, Wolverine, Storm, Beast, Psylocke, Nightcrawler, Kitty Pryde, Rogue, Iceman, Magneto and more (as well as a few who haven't been seen in a while), will interact and stand united! The time has arrived—class is now in session! Don't be late!

- And if that isn't enough, **X-MEN ANNUAL #1** is a special artists' jam issue written and illustrated in part by **Ryan Stegman** along with his friends **Steve Skroce**, **Sanford Greene** and more! Beyond that, it introduces a wild new villain in the person of the Creationist, and it brings together X-Men from across time and space! Polish up the awards statues and get set for excitement!

KEY BACK ISSUE OF THE MONTH:

KITTY PRYDE, EMMA FROST AND THE HELLFIRE CLUB ALL MADE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE IN *UNCANNY X-MEN #129* IN 1979.



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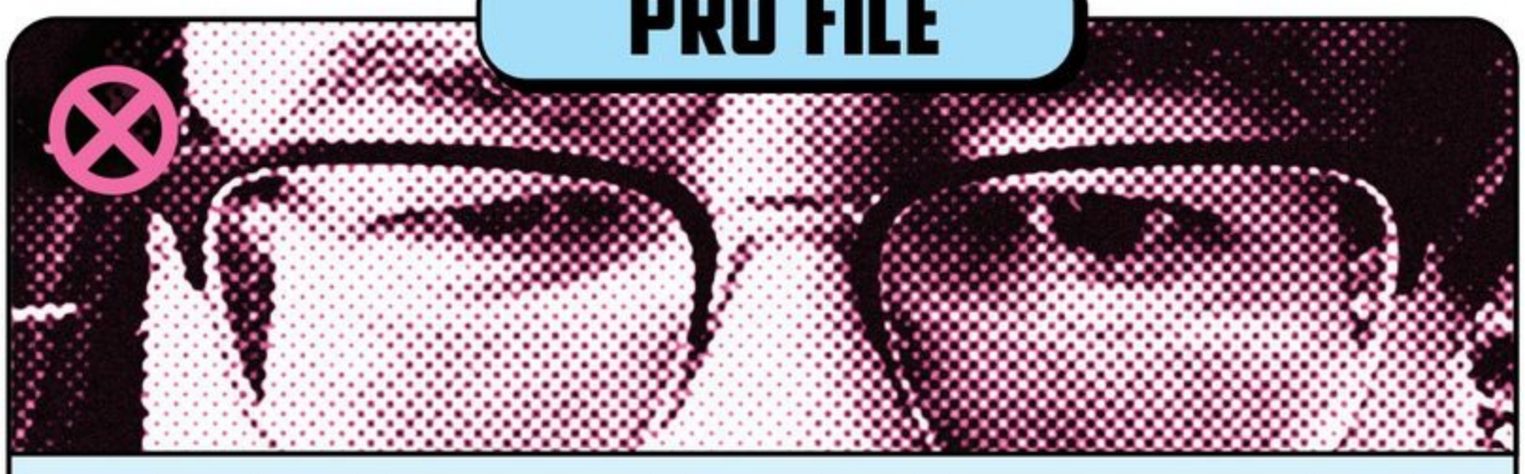

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Name: **TOM BREVOORT**

Editor on: **X-MEN, UNCANNY X-MEN, EXCEPTIONAL X-MEN, STORM, X-MEN OF APOCALYPSE, FANTASTIC FOUR and overseer of everything else!**

My place of birth is:
Beautiful downtown Satberia

The reason I got into comics was:
What else is there?

The single work that I am most proud of is: **Mark Waid and Mike Wieringo's FANTASTIC FOUR and Dan Slott and Michael Allred's SILVER SURFER**

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is:
I once flew halfway around the world to Japan to see a movie. It was worth it.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to be played by:
Jonathan Frakes. Or so people used to say.

The last good book I read was:
***Comedy Nerd: A Lifelong Obsession in Stories and Pictures* by Judd Apatow**

The last good movie I saw was:
***I Like Me*, the John Candy documentary**

The last good television show I saw was: ***Just a Bit Espers* on Netflix. Unexpected and weird.**

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is:
Getting to the end.

The worst part of my job is:
Not getting to the end.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is:
Go Away, Humans.

WHO SAYS MARVEL DOESN'T LOVE THE X-MEN? Certainly not our **Creative Strategy** and **Franchise** teams, who went all-out on their X-Cosplay for this past Halloween! Pictured are: **Monica Gambacorto** (X-23), **Stephanie Moran** (Psylocke), **Freja Poulin** (Rachel Summers), **Amanda DellaVecchia** (Jean Grey), **Jon Silva** (Wolverine), **Mitch Montgomery** (Magneto), **Adam Stafford** (Cyclops), **Marco DiLeonardo** (Professor X), **Kathleen Sullivan** (Rogue), **Kree Tremble** (Beast), **Julian Rey** (Morph), **Yuni Hong** (Jubilee), **James Kerigan** (Doop). Photography/Art Direction was provided by **Adam Stafford**.

CHECKLIST ON SALE FEB. 2026

- ❑ **X-MEN #25** – Who is the new mutant director of O*N*E, and what does it mean for the X-Men?
- ❑ **UNCANNY X-MEN #23** – Gambit succumbs to the curse of the evil Eye of Agamotto!
- ❑ **UNCANNY X-MEN #24** – The X-Men are confronted by the Legion of Monsters!
- ❑ **WOLVERINE #15** – Alpha Flight vs. Wolverine! Can Silver Sable turn the tide?
- ❑ **WOLVERINE #16** – Nope! Both Wolverine and Silver Sable are against the ropes!
- ❑ **CYCLOPS #1** – Stranded without his visor, Cyclops is hunted by the Reavers!
- ❑ **GENERATION X-23 #1** – The next generation of X-subject weapons is here!
- ❑ **MAGIK & COLOSSUS #1** – The Soviet siblings unite against a creature from Russian folklore!
- ❑ **STORM: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST MUTANT #1** – The War Above All reaches Earth—and Storm!
- ❑ **WOLVERINE: WEAPONS OF ARMAGEDDON #1** – Nuke is back and more dangerous than ever!
- ❑ **WADE WILSON: DEADPOOL #1** – Find somebody else to laugh at! This new ongoing series begins with a bang!
- ❑ **INGLORIOUS X-FORCE #2** – Hellverine must face demonic temptation—as part of Cable's secret agenda!
- ❑ **ROGUE #2** – Rogue thought her days with the Brotherhood were behind her, but the past won't stay buried!
- ❑ **X-MEN OF APOCALYPSE #4** – The kiss that changes everything!
- ❑ **SPIDER-MAN & WOLVERINE #10** – Tearful reunion and deadly farewell as Logan and Mariko Yashida reunite!
- ❑ **PSYLOCKE: NINJA #2** – Psylocke vs. Elektra! What more need be said?
- ❑ **LOGAN: BLACK, WHITE & BLOOD #2** – Three new blood- (and whiskey-) soaked tales of Wolverine from before he joined the X-Men!
- ❑ **AVENGERS #35** – The Avengers and the Twilight Court face the destruction of everything!

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